Mercantile Money Museum
7th & Washington
St. Louis, MO 63101

20 January 1987

Richard McGee
Vice President
Public Relations
Mercantile Bank

Dear Dick:

For a Mercantile Family Tree exhibit I am in need of items that represent some banks. I have not been able to locate anything for: FEDERAL COMMERCE TRUST
COMMONWEALTH TRUST CO.
MISSOURI SAFE DEPOSIT CO.

Is there a division in the bank that might have historical items that relate to the development of Mercancile Bank?

If you have any suggestions or ideas I would be happy to hear from you. I am working on the exhibit now.

Sincerely,

Gene

Gene Hessler

Gene

Nowhere in bank I know of. You might try the Missouri Historical Society & the Mercantile Library. Attached may be of some interest.

R.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Gene Hessler February 19, 1987

FROM: Connie Harrison

RE: Money Museum Exhibit

Attached is suggested copy for your exhibit, fleshing out and filling in some of the areas you wanted to expand. A list of Mercantile's banks is also included. The list is based on asset order of our banks as of December 31, 1986. While the asset ranking tends to change somewhat from quarter to quarter, in general, this will be a good largest to smallest ranking for the time the exhibit is in place.

If you'd rather alphabetize the bank names or group the banks by communities, you have the necessary information. Two other comments about the list. Our two Illinois banks joined the system after December 31, so they were not included in the asset ranking as of that date. Secondly, the total includes 33 banks. At present, there are 34, as you may well be aware from other Mercantile materials. In early March, however, we will complete the merger of Mercantile Bank of Northwest County into Mercantile Bank. Given the expected date of the merger, I excluded it from this list.

I deliberately tried to keep the copy brief. If you need more information or want to pursue a different approach, please feel free to give me a call.

Connie

Connie S. Harrison

CSH/ark
Attachment

Mercantile
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Company N.A.

Money Museum
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314-425-2525

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15 April 1987

TO: Sonya Decher

FROM: Gene Hessler

RE: Mercantile Family Tree Exhibit

The attached photocopies of bank notes, checks and other fiscal paper and the list of coin banks represent material in this new exhibit. Material on loan from R. Horstman is marked as such.

Gene Hessler
Curator

June 1, 1987

Evelyn E. Newman Group

Marketing Concepts
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On Jan 30 I showed Dick McGee the paste-up of the Brochure and discussed with him the penny press and the problem about children mobbing the machine unless there would be a small charge (a quarter). We discussed putting up a sign which would say that the money would go to charity. Later I spoke to him about what Charity and he suggested a sign saying something like: "all quarter will be donated to the United Way".

I feel this is a good solution to the problem.

Ev

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MERCANTILE FAMILY (MONEY) TREE AT MERCANTILE MONEY MUSEUM

The television production Roots inspired many to examine their family tree. Gene Hessler, curator of the Mercantile Money Museum, has assembled an exhibit of bank notes, checks, drafts and memorabilia that form the Mercantile family tree. Some of the fiscal items bear lovely steel engravings; each has the name of a predecessor bank.

There were 35 banks that came together between 1859 and 1951 to form the Mercantile Trust Co. N.A., now known as Mercantile Bank N.A. A draft from the State Savings Institution, the earliest predecessor bank (1855-1859), bears an agricultural theme, as much fiscal paper of the period did. A draft from the Merchants Bank (1857-1895) includes a vignette of men loading commodities on the river front.

Prior to 1863, when the National Banking Act was passed, banks issued their own bank notes under a state charter. Those banks that remained in business and were chartered by the National Banking system had the bank name imprinted on uniform currency. Notes issued by some of these predecessor national banks -- the Merchants National Bank is one -- are quite scarce and keenly sought after by collectors.

Memorabilia includes a booklet, Hints on the Banking Business for Ladies, issued about 1895 by the National Bank of the Republic. "You've Come A Long Way From St. Louis, but you've still got a long way to go," the first line, and title, and the closing words from the 1940s hit sum up the contents of this little, archaic gem.

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Two other exhibits were recently installed in the Mercantile Money Museum. One shows the new, U.S. gold coins; the other reveals hidden, bank note designs only visible under a black light.

The Mercantile Money Museum, a cooperative undertaking of the Mercantile Bank and the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society, is on the podium level at 7th & Washington, accessible from the St. Louis Centre. The museum is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groups are welcome; the telephone number is 425-8199.

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MONEY MUSEUM

Continental National Bank
1889-1902

Federal Commerce Trust
1924-1929

Missouri Safe Deposit Co.
1906

Mercantile Trust Co.
1889-1929

Mercantile Trust Co.
1889-1929

Missouri Trust Co.
1900

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~~1865-1895~~-

Merchants National Bank
Fifth and Locust Sts.
~~1865-1895~~

~~National Commerce National Bank~~
~~3612 Washington~~

Mercantile Commerce National Bank
3612 Washington

The National Bank of the Republic
9th & Olive

Merchants Bank
Main & Locust

Continental Bank
409 N. 3rd

Missouri Lincoln Truwt Co.
705 Olive

Fourth National Bank
220 N. 4th

St. Louis Building and Savings Association
Second and Pine Sts.

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Between 1951 and 1986, the Mercantile Bank underwent title changes: Mercantile Bancorporation Inc. (1971), Mercantile Trust Company National Association, (1964) and Mercantile Trust Co.(1951). ~~In 1951~~ The State Savings Institution (1855-1859) was one of 34 banks that came together between 1859 and 1951 to form the Mercantile Trust Co. Each of these early banks is represented in this exhibit.

Banks that ~~were acquired~~ came into the Mercantile family after 1951 are listed alphabetically (?) by date of merger (?) affiliation (?).

(36?)

The State Savings Institution (1855-1859) was one of 34 St. Louis banks that came together between 1859 and 1951 to form the Mercantile Trust Co., now the Mercantile Bank. Each of these predecessor banks is represented in this exhibit. Banks that came into the Mercantile family after 1951 are listed alphabetically (?) by date of merger (?) affiliation (?).

6½" paper width 9" deep

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The State Savings Institution (1855-59) was one of ~~36~~ St. Louis banks that came together between 1859 and 1951 to form Mercantile Trust Company N.A. ~~(Each of these predecessor banks is represented in this exhibit.)~~ In 1986 six St. Louis-area Mercantile banks merged with Mercantile Trust, and the new bank was named Mercantile Bank N.A. It is the largest bank in Missouri.

With the organization of Mercantile Bancorporation Inc. in 1971, Mercantile banking became available throughout Missouri as banks in the state's major metropolitan areas and many smaller communities affiliated with the bank holding company. The formation of Mercantile Bancorporation was undertaken for the same reason the State Savings Institution was founded: to serve the emerging banking needs of a changing and expanding marketplace.

Mercantile carried that philosophy beyond Missouri's borders for the first time with the acquisition February 17, 1987, of First Bancshares Corporation of Illinois and its banks in Alton and Bethalto, Illinois. The Mercantile family of banks now includes 33 banks throughout Missouri and in western Illinois. listed in the next exhibit case,

MISSOURI

5" wide paper

Mercantile Bank N.A., St. Louis

Mercantile Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City

First National Mercantile Bank and Trust Company, Joplin

2 each

Mercantile Bank of Springfield, Springfield

Mercantile Bank of Poplar Bluff, Poplar Bluff check

Mercantile Bank of Farmington, Farmington check

Franklin County Mercantile Bank, Washington

(more)

Mercantile Bank of St. Charles County, St. Charles

Mercantile Bank of Eldon, Eldon

Mercantile First County Bank N.A., Bloomfield

High Ridge Mercantile Bank, High Ridge

Trenton National Mercantile Bank, Trenton

Cape Mercantile Bank and Trust Company, Cape Girardeau

First National Mercantile Bank of Monett, Monett Check

Home Trust Mercantile Bank, Perryville

Shelbina Mercantile Bank, Shelbina

Mercantile Bank of Memphis, Memphis

Sedalia Mercantile Bank & Trust Company, Sedalia

Mercantile First National Bank of Doniphan, Doniphan

Farmers Mercantile Bank, Bowling Green

Salisbury Mercantile Bank, Salisbury

Washington County Mercantile Bank, Potosi Check

Mercantile Bank of Sikeston, Sikeston

The First National Mercantile Bank of Montgomery City, Montgomery City

Rozier Mercantile Bank, Ste. Genevieve

Mercantile Bank of Table Rock Lake, Reeds Spring

Mercantile Bank of Willow Springs, Willow Springs

Mercantile Bank of Macon, Macon

Mercantile Wright County Bank, Hartville

McDonald County Mercantile Bank, Pineville

Mercantile Bank of Miller, Miller

ILLINOIS

Alton Mercantile Bank N.A., Alton

Bethalto Mercantile Bank N.A., Bethalto

Mercantile Bank N.A.

Mercantile Tower
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MERCANTILE BANK

This, and other banks in this exhibit

With no key attached, customers were given banks such as this. The contents could be deposited at the bank, only a bank teller had a key.

When the bank was full and ~~ready~~ the contents were to be deposited, a bank teller would open and then return the empty bank to the customer.

With no key attached, customers were given banks such as this. When the bank was full and the contents were to be deposited, it was necessary to bring the the bank to the savings institution. After the bank teller opened the bank with a key, ~~it~~ was returned to the customer who would start the saving process again.

(Sec. NB Sav & TC)

This bank is the ~~precursor~~ ~~predeccsor~~ predecessor to Security Trust Co., one the six banks that merged with Mercantile Trust in 1986.

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Individual savings banks on display as part of the Mercantile Family Tree Exhibit.

Mercantile Commerce Bank & Trust Co.
(Barrel-shape, 2 3/4" high)

Mercantile Trust Co. No. V1901
(4¼ x 3¼ x 2¼)

National Bank of Commerce*
(circumference 2½, width ½")

State National Bank of St. Louis*
(Shape of book; 2 3/4" x 4½ x ½)

Mississippi Valley Trust Co.*
(Shape of book, red: 3¼" x 4½ x 1)

~~Security National Bank Savings & Trust Co.*~~
~~(Oval-shape: (3 3/4" x 2¼ x 1 3/4)~~ ret.

* Property of Ronald Horstman

Gene Hessler

Banks not listed

1930 - Mercantile Commerce National Bank - assumed National Bank of Commerce charter 4178

? - National currency
- picture of bank

Traders Bank - absorbed by Valley N B.

- Draft -

1890-1897 - National Bank of the Republic - consolidated with Merchants Laclede N B

- Picture of bank
- photo of national currency
- souvenir booklet

— = on loan to Mr. M.M.

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Dates of predecessor banks are charter-merger years.

1857- 1865

1865- 1895

1895- 1929

1890- 1897

1867- 1872
1871- 1885
1872- 1885

1885- 1895
1889- 1899
1899 ~~1907~~ - 1929

1929- 1951

(Tr. Bk) ~~1865~~ 1874

1855- 1859

1859- 1889

1866- 1899

1890- 1929

~~1951~~ 1951

1857- 1869

1869- 1889

1889- 1920

(McNB) ~~1930 1950~~ 1959
1924- 1929

1857- 1865

1865- 1898

1865- 1873

1873- 1889

1889- 1902

1901- 1908

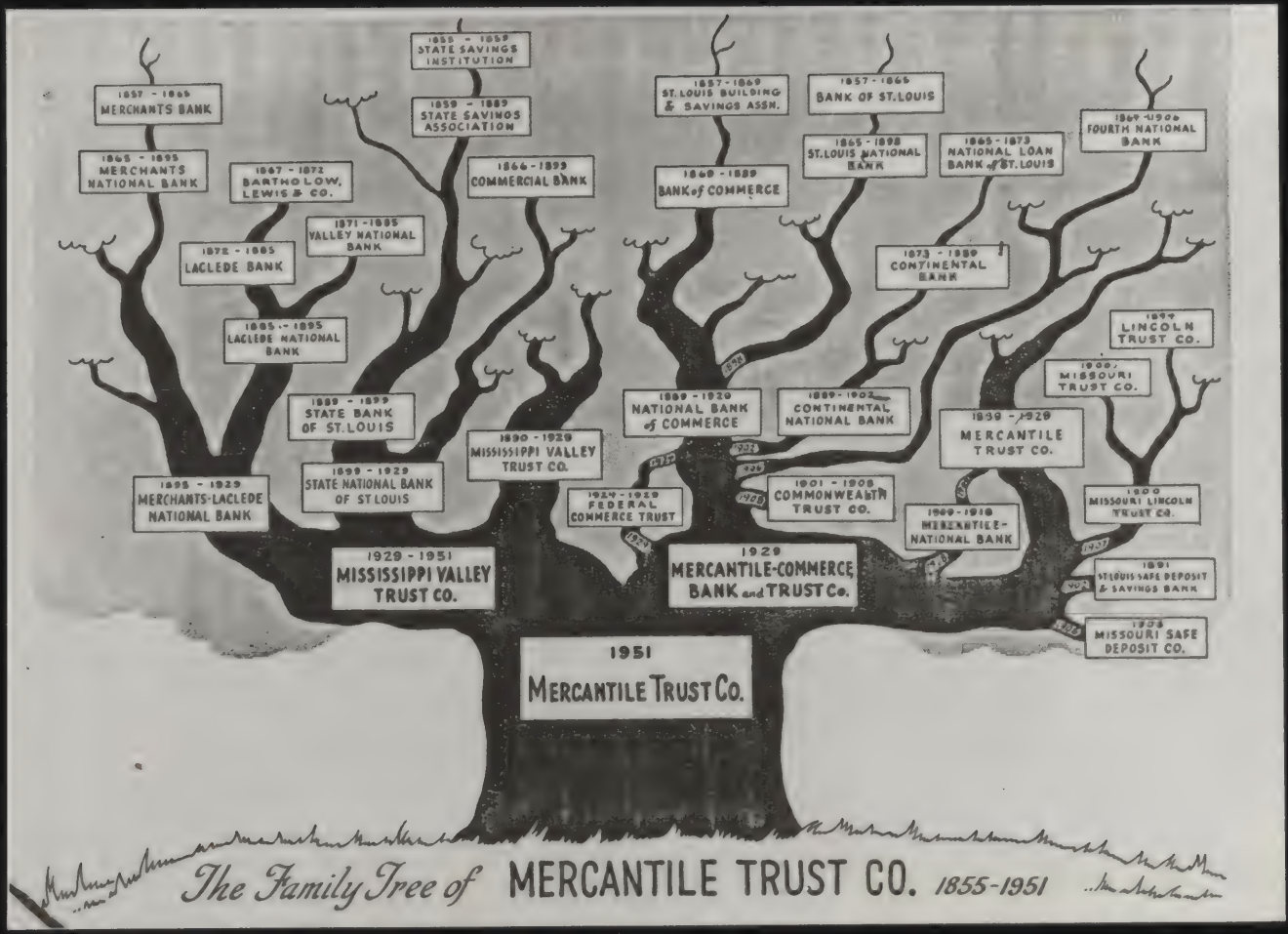
1929

1864- 1906

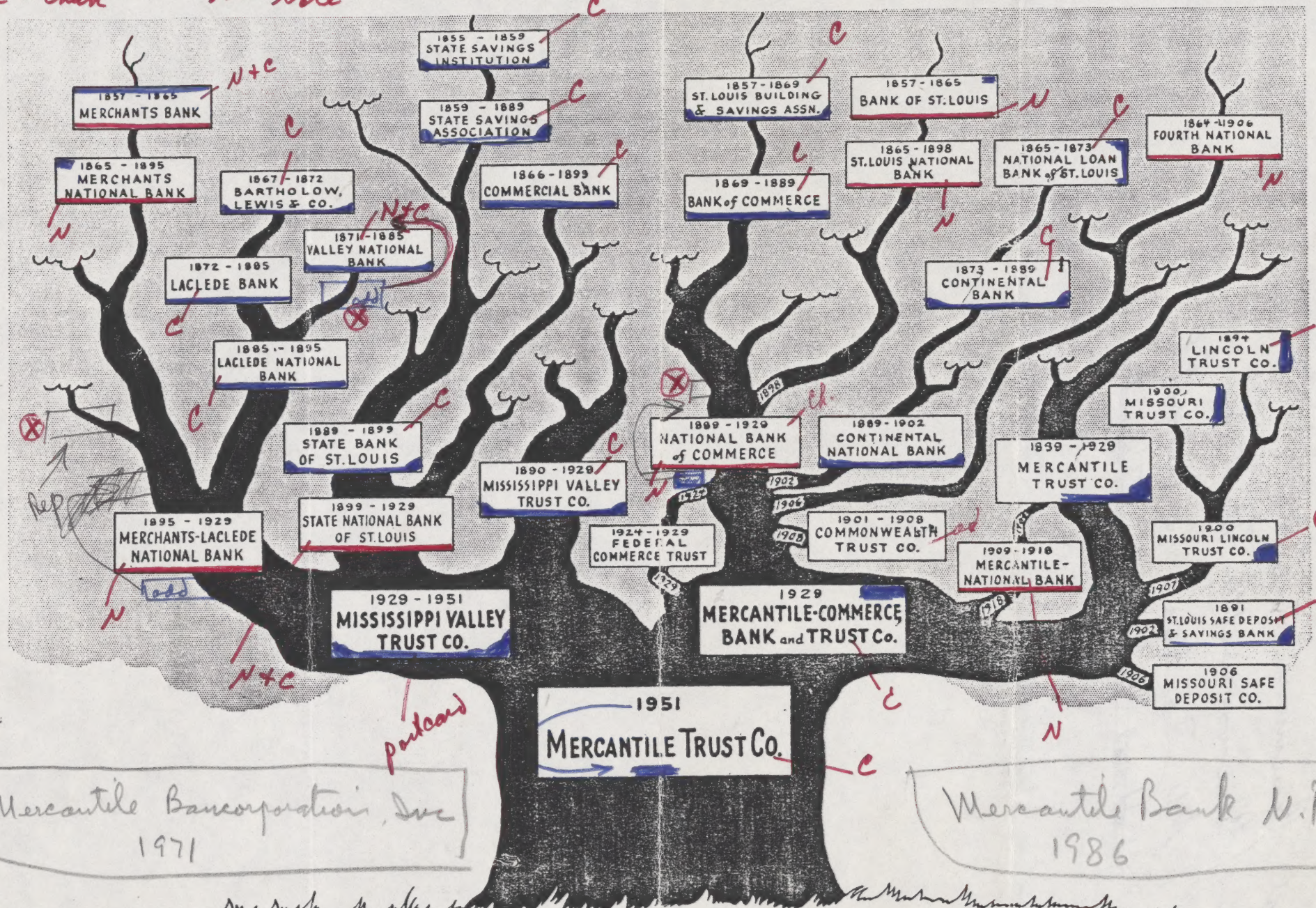
1889- 1929

1909- 1918

1894
1900
1900
1891
1906
1951



The Family Tree of MERCANTILE TRUST CO. *1855-1951*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N - Note
1855 - 1859 STATE SAVINGS INSTITUTION
1857 - 1865 MERCHANTS BANK
1859 - 1889 STATE SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
1857 - 1869 ST. LOUIS BUILDING & SAVINGS ASSN.
1857 - 1865 BANK OF ST. LOUIS
1864 - 1906 FOURTH NATIONAL BANK
1865 - 1895 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
1867 - 1872 BARTHOLOW, LEWIS & CO.
1866 - 1899 COMMERCIAL BANK
1869 - 1889 BANK of COMMERCE
1865 - 1898 ST. LOUIS NATIONAL BANK
1865 - 1873 NATIONAL LOAN BANK of ST. LOUIS
1871 - 1885 VALLEY NATIONAL BANK
1872 - 1885 LACLEDE BANK
1873 - 1889 CONTINENTAL BANK
1894 LINCOLN TRUST CO.
1885 - 1895 LACLEDE NATIONAL BANK
1900 MISSOURI TRUST CO.
1889 - 1899 STATE BANK OF ST. LOUIS
1889 - 1929 NATIONAL BANK of COMMERCE
1889 - 1902 CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK
1839 - 1929 MERCANTILE TRUST CO.
1890 - 1929 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRUST CO.
1895 - 1929 MERCHANTS-LACLEDE NATIONAL BANK
1899 - 1929 STATE NATIONAL BANK OF ST. LOUIS
1924 - 1929 FEDERAL COMMERCE TRUST
1901 - 1908 COMMONWEALTH TRUST CO.
1909 - 1918 MERCANTILE-NATIONAL BANK
1900 MISSOURI LINCOLN TRUST CO.
1891 ST. LOUIS SAFE DEPOSIT & SAVINGS BANK
1906 MISSOURI SAFE DEPOSIT CO.
1929 - 1951 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRUST CO.
1929 MERCANTILE-COMMERCE BANK and TRUST Co.
1951 MERCANTILE TRUST Co.
Mercantile Bancorporation, Inc 1971
Mercantile Bank N.A. 1986

The Family Tree of MERCANTILE TRUST CO. 1855-1951

— EPN

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– 5' 6" –

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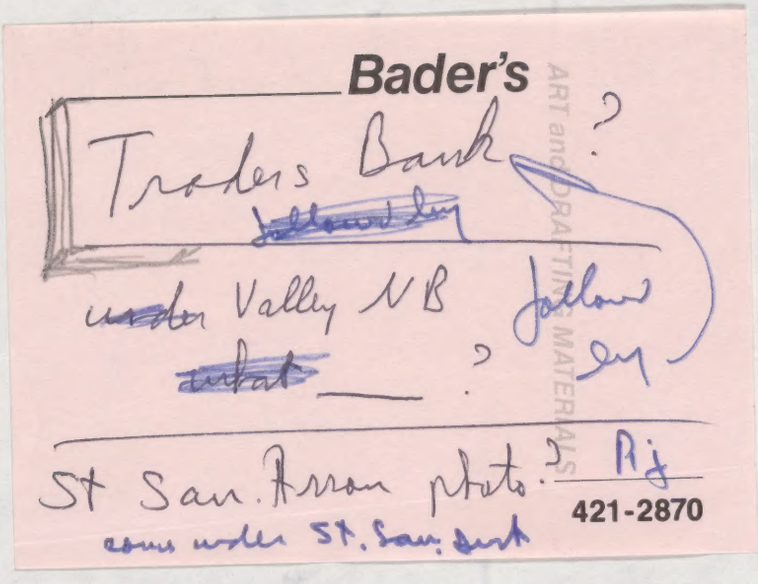
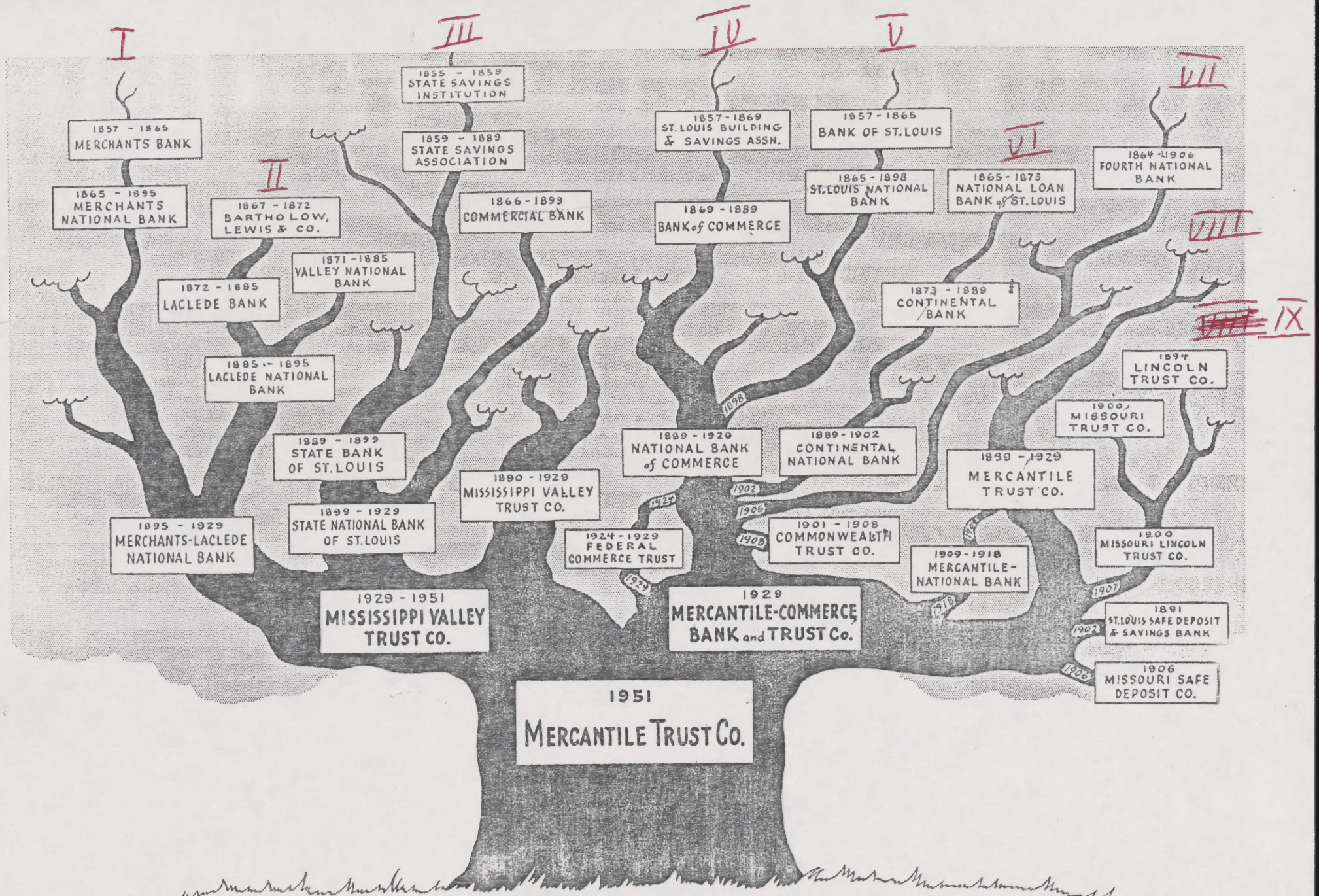
Need:
Federal Commerce Trust
Commonwealth Trust Co.
110 ~~Sanitys~~ Safe Deposit Co.
~~Federal Commerce Trust~~





The Family Tree of MERCANTILE TRUST CO. *1855-1951*

The Family Tree of Mercantile Bancorporation Inc.

As Of December, 1984

(Dates of predecessor banks are charter - merger years. Dates of member banks are affiliation years.)

Mercantile Bancorporation Inc. 1971

Rozier Mercantile Bank Ste. Genevieve 1974

Washington County Mercantile Bank Potosi 1974

Mercantile Bank of Farmington 1973

Cape Mercantile Bank and Trust Co. Cape Girardeau 1973

Franklin County Mercantile Bank Washington 1972

Mercantile Bank of Springfield 1971

Home Trust Mercantile Bank Perryville 1975

Mercantile Bank of Macon 1975

Farmers Mercantile Bank Bowling Green 1974

Lewis and Clark Mercantile Bank 1974

First National Mercantile Bank of Montgomery City 1974

Mercantile First County Bank Bloomfield 1984

Mercantile Wright County Bank Hartville 1983

Mercantile Bank of Sikeston 1982

Mercantile First National Bank of Doniphan 1976

Mercantile Bank of Eldon 1976

Mercantile Regional Bank Kansas City 1984

Merged 1984

Red Bridge Mercantile Bank Kansas City 1972-1984

Peoples Mercantile Bank of Kansas City 1981-1984

Mercantile Bank International 1981

Mercantile International Corp. 1969

The Plaza Bank of St. Louis 1933-1960

Security Trust Co. 1958-1965

Security National Bank Savings and Trust Co. 1921-1958

Mutual Bank and Trust Company 1934-1958

MBI Ins. Agency

(Lead Bank) Mercantile Trust Company National Association 1964

Cayman Branch 1969

Mercantile Customs Services Inc. 1970

Mercantile Center Associates 1973

Mercantile Trust Co. (State Chartered) 1951-1964

Mercantile Mortgage Company 1963-1981

Mercantile Commerce Trust Co. St. Louis 1971

Mercantile Bank and Trust Co. Kansas City 1971

Sedalia Mercantile Bank and Trust Co. 1972

Trenton National Mercantile Bank 1972

Mercantile Bank of St. Charles County 1972

Noland Road Mercantile Bank Independence 1973

Merged 1984

Drovers Mercantile Bank St. Joseph 1974-1984

Mercantile Bank of Memphis 1974

High Ridge Mercantile Bank 1974

Mercantile National Bank of St. Louis County 1974

Mercantile National Bank of Clay County 1975

Salisbury Mercantile Bank 1975

Mercantile Bank of Willow Springs 1975

Shelbina Mercantile Bank 1975

The First National Mercantile Bank of Monett 1981

Merged 1984

Mercantile Bank of South County St. Louis County 1981

Mercantile Bank of St. Peters 1982-1984

Clayton Mercantile National Bank 1983

Mercantile Bank of Northwest County St. Louis County 1984

First Community Bancorporation 1983

First National Mercantile Bank and Trust Co. Joplin 1983

Community National Mercantile Bank Joplin 1983

Mercantile Bank of Table Rock Lake Reed Springs 1983

Mercantile Bank of Wheaton 1983-1984

McDonald County Mercantile Bank Pineville 1983

Mercantile Bank of Miller 1983

Merchants & Miners Mercantile Bank of Webb City 1983

Acquisitions in 1985

Bank of Poplar Bluff Bancshares
- Mercantile Bank of Poplar Bluff
- Mercantile Bank of Marble Hill

Gravois Bancorp
- Gravois Mercantile Bank, St. Louis County

Mississippi Valley Trust Co. 1929-1951

Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Co. 1929-1951

Mississippi Valley Trust Co. 1890-1929

Federal Commerce Trust 1924-1929

Mercantile-National Bank 1909-1918

Merchants-Laclede National Bank 1895-1929

Laclede National Bank 1885-1895

Laclede Bank 1872-1885

Valley National Bank 1871-1885

Merchants National Bank 1865-1895

Bartholow, Lewis & Co. 1867-1872

Merchants Bank 1857-1885

State National Bank of St. Louis 1899-1929

State Bank of St. Louis 1889-1899

State Savings Association 1859-1889

State Savings Institution 1855-1859

Commercial Bank 1866-1899

National Bank of Commerce 1839-1929

Bank of Commerce 1869-1889

St. Louis Building & Savings Assn. 1857-1869

Commonwealth Trust Co. 1901-1908

Fourth National Bank 1864-1906

Continental National Bank 1889-1902

Continental Bank 1873-1889

National Loan Bank of St. Louis 1865-1873

St. Louis National Bank 1865-1898

Bank of St. Louis 1857-1865

St. Louis Saving Institution 1855-1857

Mercantile Trust Co. 1899-1929

Missouri Safe Deposit Co. 1906

St. Louis Safe Deposit & Savings Bank 1891-1902

Missouri Lincoln Trust Co. 1900-1907

Missouri Trust Co. 1900

Lincoln Trust Co. 1894-1900

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